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1. AMBASSADOR IS IN RECEIPT OF THIRD PERSON NOTE (IN FRENCH) FROM WTO SECRETARY GENERAL LONATI DATED NOVEMBER 21, 1974, INFORMING HIM THAT FOLLOWING CONSULTATIONS THAT SYG HAS HAD WITH OTHER MEMBERS OF WTO, "A CONSENSUS IS EVIDENT THAT THE FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE ORGANIZATION SHOULD BE HELD DURING THE MONTH OF MARCH 1975."

2. SYG ASKED THAT AMBASSADOR TRANSMIT THIS COMMUNICATION TO HIS GOVERNMENT WHICH, LONATI NOTED, HAD BEEN REPRESENTED AT TALKS HELD IN GENEVA THIS OCTOBER, AND HAD (THROUGH THESE REPS) EXPRESSED THE WISH TO SEE THE FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE WTO HELD EARLY IN 1975.

3. IN THIS CONNECTION, MUHEIM, SWISS POLITICAL DEPARTMENT, BERN, CALLED MISSION OFFICER NOV 29 TO REPORT THAT BY DEC 11 SWISS GOVERNMENT HOPED TO BE ABLE TO INFORM LONATI (AT PANAMA CITY) WHETHER OR NOT IT WOULD BE ABLE TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE, FINANCIAL AND OTHERWISE, REQUESTED BY SYG FOR FIRST WTO GENERAL ASSEMBLY. MUHEIM EXPLAINED THAT ON DECEMBER 8 SWISS ARE HOLDING NATIONAL REFERENDUM RE FINANCING THEIR ENLARGED BUDGET FOR 1975 AND FEDERAL COUNCIL WILL MEET DECEMBER 9 TO DECIDE ON FINAL BUDGET ALLOCATIONS FOR THAT YEAR. MUHEIM SAID THAT IF REFERENDUM IS APPROVED, IT LIKELY SWISS CAN FINANCE ASSEMBLY; IF REFERENDUM REJECTED, IT UNLIKELY THEY WILL BE ABLE TO DO SO.

4. MUHEIM SAID THAT GOS HAD RECEIVED IN WRITING ON NOVEMBER 27,  
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SYG LONATI'S REQUIREMENTS--VERY INADEQUATELY SPELLED OUT--FOR

THE FIRST ASSEMBLY AND THAT PROBLEM FOR THE SWISS, APART FROM  
FINANCING, WAS NOT AVAILABILITY OF A HALL, BUT AVAILABILITY OF  
INTERPRETERS AT TIME INDICATED--LAST TWO WEEKS OF MARCH. HE  
NOTED THAT UN LAW OF SEA AS WELL AS SWISS-CONVENED  
HUMANITARIAN LAW CONFERENCES WILL BOTH BE IN SESSION IN GENEVA  
AT THAT TIME. EACH WILL REQUIRE SEVERAL TEAMS OF INTERPRETERS,  
HE SAID.DALE

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